SENATE BILL REPORT SB 5252

As Reported By Senate Committee On: Ways & Means, February 24, 2005

Title: An act relating to establishing a commemorative works account for the department of general administration.

Brief Description: Establishing a commemorative works account for the department of general administration.

Sponsors: Senators Fraser, Kastama, Swecker and McAuliffe; by request of Department of General Administration.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/22/05, 2/24/05 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair; Brandland, Fairley, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Rockefeller and Thibaudeau.

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Background: Twenty-three commemorative works are located on the state capital grounds. Some of these memorials were constructed with privately raised funds. The Department of General Administration maintains the grounds surrounding these memorials and takes care of minor cleaning but does not have funding for major repairs or restoration.

Summary of Bill: The bill establishes the commemorative works account. Expenditures from the account do not require appropriation and can only be used for the ongoing care, maintenance, and repair of commemorative works on the capital campus. The account retains its own interest earnings.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Memorials and commemorative works on the state campus require ongoing maintenance and care to ensure their preservation. This new account will encourage private fund raising to help maintain these memorials.

Testimony Against: None.

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Who Testified: PRO: Martin Casey, Department of General Administration.

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